

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

Regulation Number: 129-14-51

Regulation Name: Presumptive Eligibility for HealthWave

Summary of Proposed Changes: The proposed new regulation is added to provide presumptive medical assistance to uninsured children under age 19 who meet the income guidelines for HealthWave coverage. Children must be determined eligible by a designated medical assistance provider, or qualified entity, using a tool developed by the agency. Time-limited eligibility begins on the date the qualified entity makes a presumptive determination. Persons determined eligible must complete a full medical assistance application by the end of the following month or coverage terminates.

Federal Mandate: This regulation change is not federally mandated.

Economic Impact: It is anticipated that up to 1,683 children will qualify for Title XXI funded presumptive eligibility in Kansas at the cost of \$1,050 per child resulting in a total fiscal impact of \$1.77 million (\$480,000 State General Fund).

Bearer of Cost: The tax payers of the State of Kansas will bear the cost of this regulation through increased state and federal costs.

Affected Parties: This change will have a moderate administrative impact on DHPF eligibility staff and related contractors.

This change will provide quicker access to medical care for children most likely to be eligible for public health benefits.

This change will provide a medical assistance providers payments for covered services is a timely manner.

Other Methods: There were no other appropriate methods for the desired outcome.